



PNB Student Matinees at McCaw Hall Social Narrative





You are going to McCaw Hall to see a dance performance, which is a way of experiencing a story.

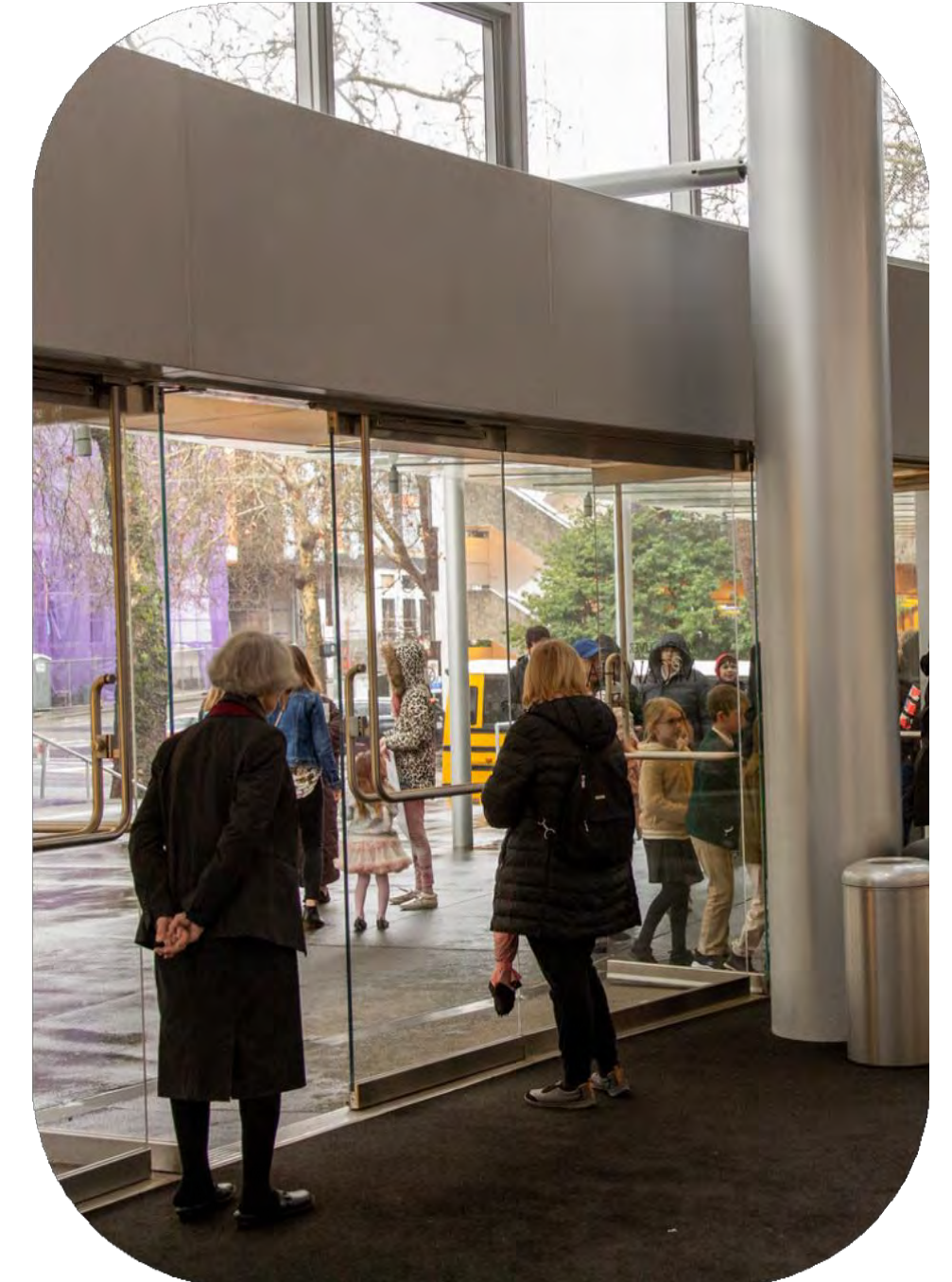




ENTERING

When you get to McCaw Hall, you will enter with your group and an usher will greet you!

An usher will show your group the direction of where your seats are located.





The Lobby

The Lobby is a big area where your group, you, and other theatergoers wait for the show to begin.

Everyone has to wait for the theatre doors to open. It can be very crowded and noisy here. You can tell your grown-up or an usher that you need a quiet spot if it is too noisy.



Sensory Kits

Sensory Kits are available to check out for any of the performances. Sensory Kits have a variety of sensory tools that can be used to self-soothe.

They include:

- Communication card for non-speaking individuals
- Noise reducing headphones
- Fidgets



Restrooms

Bathrooms are located on every level. It is good to try to use the bathroom before the show and during intermission. Sometimes there is a line of people that want to use the bathroom.

All restrooms are accessible and accessible
Family Restrooms are also available on the south end of each lobby level.





Theatre Doors

When the doors open to the theatre, you can line up with your group and go into the theatre. An usher will be at the door. The usher will help your group find your seats.





INSIDE THE THEATER

The theatre has lots of seats and a stage.

The seats are in rows, and your seat will be with your group. Your seats can be close to the stage or far away. There will be people you don't know sitting around you.

The people sitting in the seats are called the audience.





The Stage

The show happens on the stage. Only performers and people that work at the theater are allowed on the stage.

Sometimes there is a curtain that hides what is on the stage. Sometimes the curtain is open and you can see what is on the stage. The decorations on the stage are called the set. There are no performers on the stage before the show starts.



DURING THE SHOW

The lights in the theater will go darker when the show is about to begin. Sometimes people will clap when the show is about to start because they are excited to see the show.

People also sometimes clap:

- after an exciting part of the dance (short)
- at the end of the show (long clapping)

You can clap at these times too if you want to. If the clapping is too loud you can put on headphones or cover your ears. When people really like a show, they might stand up at the end while they are clapping. This is called a Standing Ovation. You can stand or sit!





Intermission

Some shows have a break, or intermission. The part before the break is called Act 1 and the part after is called Act 2. If the show you are attending has an intermission, you can stay in your seat or you can get up and go in the lobby with your group. Intermission is a good time to use the bathroom.

You know it is time to get back to your seat when you hear the bell chime in the lobby.



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End of the Show

At the end of the show, the performers take a bow on the stage and people clap for them to tell them “good job”. You will leave after the clapping is done and the performers leave the stage. Everyone in the theatre will want to leave, so it will take some time to get out of the theatre. It will be crowded. You will need to wait for your turn to walk out of the doors with your group. Your group and you will go into the lobby and then outside.





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